

I applaud your recent rule that there is no established business relationship exception for the TCPA's general prohibition against unsolicited "junk fax" advertisements. No matter how loud the telemarketers scream about their "rights," please do not forget that I have the basic right to be left alone and not be subjected to unwanted telemarketing calls. Please do not attempt to delay the implementation of this rule holding no EBR exception for unsolicited fax advertisements.

I urge you to vigorously enforce the TCPA's restrictions against abusive telemarketing practices, including "junk fax" unsolicited advertisements. The telemarketing industry will be fighting you tooth and nail. I urge you to remember that you exist to help the nation as a whole, not the selfish and narrow interests of abusive telemarketers who wish to invade the privacy of citizens and shift the advertising costs to fax machine owners.

I have, since 1991, been the unwilling recipient of thousands of unsolicited and unwelcome telemarketing calls, both voice calls and fax calls. Anything you agency can do to help control this abusive industry will be welcome.

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